

Goal For Special Day Is 225,000 In Sunday School

By Bryant M. Cummings, Director Sunday School Department
Sunday, October 28 will be recognized as HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY AND PICTURE SUNDAY in Mississippi Sunday Schools and across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mississippians Attend Agri-Missions Meet

By Debbie Stewart
FORT DAVIS, Texas (BP) — The compelling urgency of nourishing the world's billion hungry people was the common denominator for 75 Southern Baptists at an agri-missions symposium at Indian Lodge State Park here.

People who represent different organizations in hunger and development ministries in many nations talked with each other for five days about how understanding and sharing of information can be part of the solution and not part of the problem in world hunger relief.

The agri-missions symposium was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board and Texas Baptist Men and the Rio Grande River Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Participants included representatives of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, SBC Christian Life Commission, several small hunger-related groups, churches and individuals.

Among those individuals were two former SBC presidents, Jimmy R. Allen of Texas and Owen Cooper of Mississippi; Jack Smith, a peach grower from Fredericksburg, Texas; and Abel Herrera, an agronomist from Mexico who works with Smith as a volunteer in agricultural ministries on the Rio Grande.

Eugene Grubbs, consultant for laymen overseas and relief ministries for the Foreign Mission Board, was the

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Seeks To Restore Exemption

FMB Sends Mississippian To Washington For Appeal

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Foreign Mission Board has authorized Joe N. McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., and John G. Alley of Louisiana to travel to Washington, D. C. The two board members will confer with key congressmen to gather support for bills

introduced in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to restore a major tax exemption to missionaries and other Americans living overseas.

The increased taxes on missionaries, who already pay taxes in the countries where they live, would amount to an estimated \$1 million.

In addition, the Board voted a \$76,760,167 budget for 1980, which was noted to fall short of some capital needs overseas.

Executive Director Baker J. Cauthen expressed hope that strong giving in the 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions may

make it possible to finance many of these capital projects.

The new budget represents an increase of 7.84 percent over the current budget, but the rate of increase is below the 12.24 percent increase reflected in the 1979 budget and the 14.59 percent hike voted for 1978.

The board designated \$5 million for capital needs, compared with \$8 million in this year's budget. Capital funds cover such items as purchase of missionary homes, grants and loans for construction of new churches, and building needs of various mission-sponsored institutions overseas.

The board, meeting Oct. 8-10 amid reports of growing U.S. economic problems, heard a strong statement from Cauthen that Southern Baptists will not allow such current problems as inflation, economic woes or energy crisis to keep them from "entering whatever doors the Lord may open in overseas missions."

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Meridian Native Named To Foreign Missions



The Camps

RICHMOND, Va. — The Carroll H. Camps were among 19 persons named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in a service Oct. 9 at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

The Camps will be the first new missionaries assigned to Uganda since former President Idi Amin was deposed and religious freedom was restored to the country. Now pastor of First Baptist Church, Abbeville, S. C., he will be a general evangelist. She will be a church and home worker.

Camp, a native of Meridian, Miss., received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He also attended Meridian Junior College. He was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Monetta, S. C.

Born in Greenwood, S. C., Mrs. Camp grew up in North Augusta, S. C. She received the bachelor of science degree from Georgia College at Milledgeville and attended Augusta (Ga.) College and Southwestern seminary. She was a social caseworker for the Department of Social Services in Augusta, Ga.

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Help Wanted

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has asked Mississippi Baptists to send work crews to the Island of Dominica in the Caribbean to help repair damage by Hurricane David.

Only seven buildings were left standing in the village of Boetico after the hurricane.

Work crews of 10 to 12 men are needed each week beginning Nov. 4. Each group must carry its own food and shipping bags, plus hand tools.

Crews will be building simple 10' x 12' buildings for village people to live in.

Cost of travel will be approximately \$600. The Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department is coordinating volunteer contacts. Write Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Missionary Leaves Turkey; Future Work Questionable

ANKARA, Turkey (BP) — John Allen Moore, retired Southern Baptist missionary serving as a volunteer pastor in Turkey, has resigned his post and has returned to the United States.

Moore was pastor of an American congregation in Ankara, serving under conditions prescribed by the Turkish government. He was one of the only Southern Baptists working there under Foreign Mission Board auspices.

John D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, will meet with the congregation in early November to determine the future of Southern Baptist-related work in Turkey.

Moore was asked to fill the Ankara pastorate after James F. Leeper, Southern Baptist missionary to Turkey for 12 years, was asked to leave the country last year. Leeper had helped

to establish the American congregation and had continued to serve as its pastor until the Turkish government expelled him. He claimed the church itself was illegal.

Moore had been granted a one-year visa provided the church moved off its rented property. Because the church could not meet anywhere on Turkish territory, it was forced to move to quarters at the U.S. embassy.

Hughey cited a dwindling membership as part of the reason for Moore's early return to the States. Many of those attending while the church met in a rented house found it less appealing to meet at the embassy, Hughey said.

Youth Meet To Include Discipling

A discipling program for high school students is set for Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at First Baptist Church, Columbus.

The program, Fantastic Fall, will feature a concert by the musical group Harvest and talks by Barry St. Clair, director of Reach Out Ministries, Atlanta, Ga.

Youth leaders and sponsors are also invited and will be offered evangelistic training. And youths who have attended other discipling programs may participate in advanced training.

This is the second year for this program at First Baptist Church, Columbus. Last year's session drew 500 persons.

The program begins with registration at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 and concludes at 4 p.m., the next day.

Cost is \$13 per person which includes the concert, materials, and a Fantastic Fall T-shirt. Deadline for registration is Oct. 31. No refunds will be made after that date.

Write Fantastic Fall, care of First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 829, Columbus, Miss., 39701.

MBC Worship Planned Nov. 14

By Graham Smith, Chairman Order of Business Committee Mississippi Baptist Convention

Worship experiences during a convention are usually pointed to as the highlights of our statewide gathering. The business of our state convention must be attended to for most schools, agencies and departments to continue their progress, build new buildings, elect new committees. These are all necessary matters to which we must attend as responsible stewards.

True worship, however, is not attended to. It is an endeavor of man to praise God and must be blessed by the Holy Spirit to attain that fruition we seek as the gathered family of God. No other time during the year are so many facets of our state Baptist life represented in so many different ways. Therefore, we, of your Order of Business Committee have placed high priorities on our worship times together.

Not only is this effort evident in each of our regular sessions

where all elements of a convention are present, but we have also set aside one entire session — Wednesday evening — where our single objective is WORSHIP! There will be no business conducted, no reports from anyone — only praise, Bible study, and exciting preaching.

The music for this session will be in the capable hands of ministers of music from all over our state — our own Singing Churchmen of Mississippi. Many of these men are still fresh from meaningful encounters with our missions in Spain, Germany and France. They will also be giving from their own church just to be a part of this Wednesday evening session.

Our speaker will be Jim Henry, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla. If you were a part of last year's Brotherhood Rally, you know the fantastic way the Holy Spirit is using this man of God to speak for Him. Your committee felt this was God's man for this special Wednesday evening

session we were led to plan.

The ingredient we ask you to add to this time of our convention is YOU! The committee felt with the time factor of our convention at length — even to a consideration of different days of the week — and finally concluded that for at least this year we needed the format that a Tuesday through Thursday morning convention would allow us.

We urge you to make your plans now to be a part of this entire convention and not just the first day or so. On Thursday morning, we have two outstanding speakers as well as those who will contribute to other aspects of inspiration and information.

This convention was planned in prayer and openness in order that the Holy Spirit might have the freedom to use all means possible to bring alive in each of our hearts that "HIS MANDATE IS OUR DESTINY."

(Smith is minister of music at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.)

Korean Baptist Program Begins In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (BP) — Southern Baptists' first attempt to share the gospel with Los Angeles' large (nearly 250,000) Korean community, via television, got underway recently with the airing of the first in a series of weekly programs.

The program, called The Baptist Hour, features interviews, music and a biblical message presented in the Korean language. It's broadcast over the Korean language television station for the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Featured speaker for The Baptist Hour is Don Kim, pastor of Berendo

Street Baptist Church. "We're hoping this program will not only reach the non-Christians, but also will make the presence of Southern Baptists known among the Korean people," Kim said.

The thirty-minute special attempts to provide a warm and personal expression of the gospel, Kim explained. Each show features an interview with a Korean layperson who has come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and gospel music performed by a variety of Southern Baptist Korean musicians.

In Cauthen's Heart: 'Be A Pastor'

By Ruth Fowler

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The face of the 69-year-old administrator was transformed. Baker James Cauthen became a young man again, caught up in the memory of his surrender to preach 53 years ago.

God has used Cauthen not only as a preacher, but as a teacher, a missionary in China, and for the past 26 years as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. But the call to be a preacher-pastor has remained basic in Cauthen's life.

With shining eyes, Cauthen recalled the Baptist pastor who believed in the abilities and the call of the 16-year-old boy from Lufkin, Texas. As the boy Cauthen grew, that feeling of being believed in became more important.

"Somehow, when people believed in me, it seemed to be something that would stimulate me, turn me on, make me have a feeling of great responsibility," he reflected.

Now, looking toward his retirement at the end of 1979, Cauthen still sees his years of Christian service from a pastor's perspective. "I've always had the concept that being a pastor is a basic thing in any kind of service for the Lord," Cauthen says. "Always, whether as a missionary on the field or later in the responsibilities of administration, I've said in my heart, 'Be a pastor.'"

The pastor's touch is most evident at the appointment of new missionaries when Cauthen gives them each words of encouragement related to their personal testimonies and a charge to do God's work.

"So much is dependent upon the person's heart commitment as he goes," Cauthen says. "And therefore if you can help to strengthen that commitment and to refine that idealism in the heart of each individual standing on the plat-

form to be appointed, it may be something that will be cherished throughout the remainder of his life."

In recent years he has watched and advised as committed missionaries served and struggled through wars in Africa and the Middle East, times of famine and hunger in Africa and Asia, and growing governmental limitations to work in communist countries of Eastern Europe.

But he has been somewhat disappointed in the numbers of Southern Baptists making themselves available for mission service.

"We have never been able to appoint more than 25 percent of the number of missionaries that are urgently requested from all over the world," Cauthen says. "These are needed missionary personnel whom people have prayed for, whom people have longed for; if they were available they would be so warmly welcome and would have work to do that would be challenging."

Financial limitations also have been a concern to Cauthen.

Like A Runaway Fire

"Foreign missions has been like fighting a great runaway fire in the city, with nothing but a garden hose to fight it," Cauthen says. "A great emergency, a great need, but a very limited supply."

With an edge of urgency in his voice, Cauthen talks about the needs of the people of the world. "I do not believe I could express adequately what I believe lies as a potential for Southern Baptists if we do what God wants done, if we really will lash ourselves to the Great Commission and let it command us."

"If we do this, really do this, we may discover that God will use us beyond anything we've ever seen or anything we've

ever imagined. God's concern for the peoples of the world is far beyond our concern."

In the context of all he believes about the power and love of God, Cauthen sees Bold Mission Thrust objectives to proclaim the gospel of Jesus to the entire world by the year 2000 as real possibilities.

"There are two things that are going to be absolutely essential," Cauthen says of the expansion of Southern Baptist missions. "One is that there must be the power of God resting upon us. This means we must have the challenge of intercessory prayer. We must go into the depths of prayer, both individually and as a denomination, beyond anything we've ever experienced."

"Also, all Christian people must pick up and do what God has committed to them. We must say 'come' to all our fellow Christians; whoever you are, find your way to do whatever God lays upon your heart to do."

Cauthen has faced similar challenges during his terms as area secretary and executive at the Foreign Mission Board. He faced the challenge of keeping the board out of debt and the problem of knowing where to send limited people and money in the same way he calls upon Southern Baptists to meet the new goals of Bold Mission Thrust — through dependence on God.

Unprecedented growth occurred during the Cauthen years. At the close of 1953, when Cauthen assumed administration of the board, Southern Baptists had 906 missionaries in 32 countries. Today there are 2,977 in 94 countries.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, an indicator of Southern Baptists' financial commitment to foreign missions, has increased from almost \$3.3 million in 1953 to \$35.9 million in 1978.

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One of the most powerful influences in Baker J. Cauthen's life has been his wife, Eloise Glass Cauthen. Shown here admiring her husband who was being honored by Southern Baptist leaders throughout the convention, she says he's been "everybody's man a great deal of the time." Cauthen will retire at the end of the year from his position as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. (BP) photo by Warren Johnson

Baptists Triple Total Sunday School Starts

By Linda Lawson
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A Southern Baptist Convention goal of starting 3,000 new Sunday Schools in three years was surpassed Sept. 30, more than tripling the 909 started in the previous three years.

The final total for the 1976-79 emphasis was 3,013 — the vast majority started by churches as mission efforts pointed toward development of new churches.

During the first year, 1976-77, 566 Sunday Schools were started. The second year, 1,174 were begun and the total for the final year was 1,273.

The totals were compiled in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department from new start reports from state conventions and churches and from requests for free literature which the board provides to new Sunday Schools. Reports were cross-checked to avoid duplication, according to James Lackey, new starts growth consultant.

The goal in starting the vast majority of new Sunday Schools is that they ultimately become churches, Lackey said. For example, a Sunday School started by First Baptist Church, Galatin, Tenn., in March 1977, was constituted as a church one year later. However, he said, Sunday Schools started in locations such as homes for the elderly may remain mission Sunday Schools on a long term basis.

Texas led all state Baptist conventions with 465 new starts. The next 10 in order are Ohio, 193; Florida, 159; California, 142; Georgia, 123; Northwest, 111; Northern Plains, 111; Michigan, 108; Missouri, 104; Arizona, 103; Illinois, 101.

Building of awareness across the convention of the need to start new work was one key to achieving the goal, said Lackey. He said states in newer convention territories were among the first to respond to the challenge of the goal and beef up efforts to start new work.

For example, six state conventions involved in the North Central Missions

Thrust growth project — Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa Fellowship and Minnesota - Wisconsin Fellowship — together started 569 Sunday Schools in the three years.

Also, 538 Sunday Schools were started in six western conventions — Arizona, New Mexico, Utah-Idaho, Northwest, Northern Plains and California.

"What's happening now is that states in more established Baptist territory are getting involved in starting new Sunday Schools," Lackey said. He cited Mississippi, which has established a goal of 80 new Sunday Schools in 1979-80. If achieved, that would top in one year the new starts in Mississippi for the last three years.

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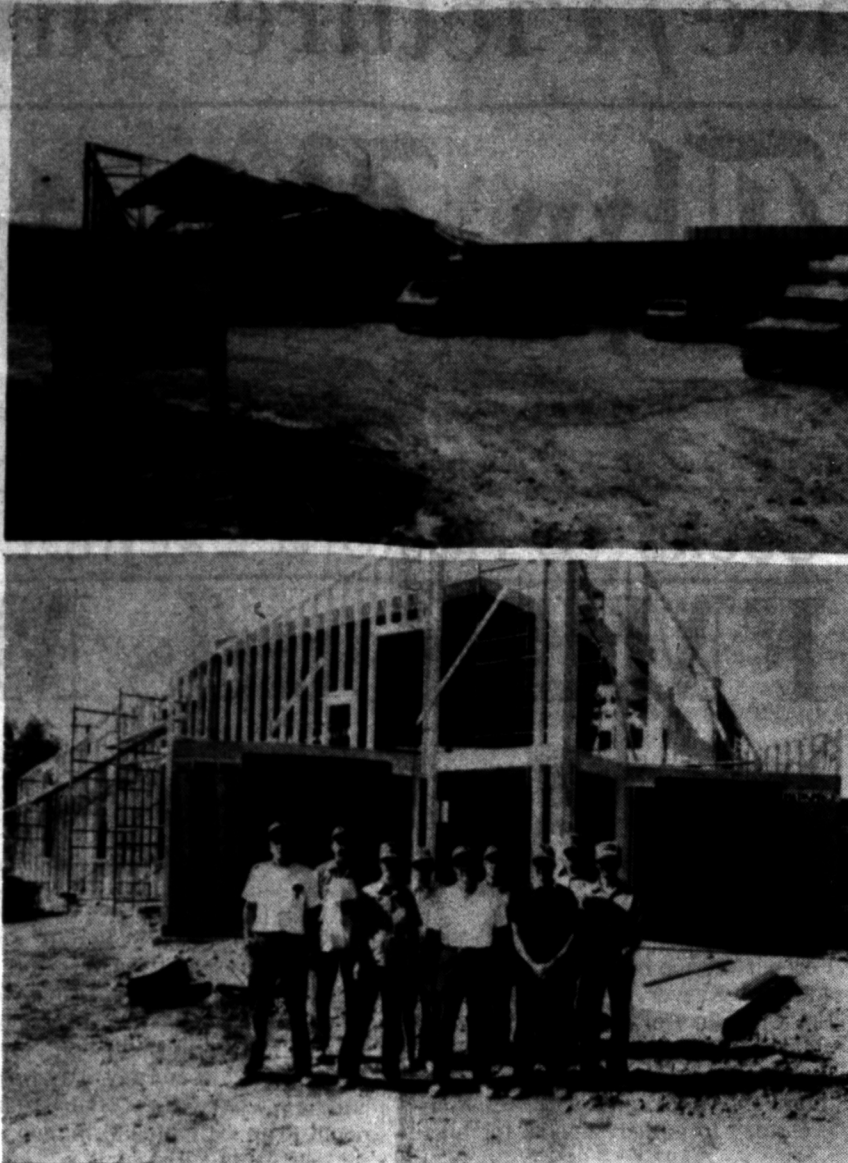
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here has announced additions of an assistant treasurer, associate director of college relations and a news director to its staff.

Jere Schrader, a second-year student at the seminary who had been serving as accounting supervisor, has been named assistant treasurer, according to seminary treasurer Richard Broome.

A native of Cleveland, Tenn., Schrader is a 1976 graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Rick Astle, a native of Richmond, Va., will become associate director of college relations. He is a 1974 graduate of the University of Kentucky and a 1977 graduate of Southern Seminary.

Johnny Hughes, a second-year student at the seminary, was named news director. A native of Hartselle, Ala., he is a 1977 graduate of Mobile (Ala.) College.



Newhebron group at Montrose.

Newhebron Learns 'You Can't Outspend God'

A construction crew from Newhebron Baptist Church in Lawrence County studied the blueprints of the work to be done before they traveled to Montrose, Colo. July 1-7.

A group, from Newhebron Baptist Church, had planned to do electrical work on the church building of Rosemont Baptist Church, but because the project was a month behind schedule, the group instead, framed the building.

Additionally, the group led in Bible clubs with children.

Eugene Myers, church Brotherhood director who coordinated the trip, said that it has given "each of us a greater desire to have a part in missions."

Newhebron pastor Jimmie Wood added that "The whole church seems to have lifted from local concern to a new concept of our task of reaching people for Jesus. At home, our church has become more loving and expressive of love for God and each other." Wood recommended that whenever possible, entire families should go on missions trips together.

Member Eddie Little commented that the trip "made mission work more real, not just something other people do, and created a stronger sense of commitment toward helping

churches that are in areas not well established."

Mrs. Charles (Margene) Shows, who worked in the backyard Bible clubs in city parks in Montrose, said that "You are made more aware of where your dollars are spent through the missions efforts of your local church. You feel you are being used by God as His instrument. You appreciate more fully after this type activity, what God has and will do in your own life."

Janice Flynt called the trip a "wonderful vacation although work was involved."

And Bobby Creel's conclusion was one that most mission trippers would agree with: "This trip pointed out again that you can't outspend God."

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million in 1978. The number of local members in overseas churches has also increased dramatically, from 214,787 in 1953 to over one million in 1979.

Before Cauthen and his wife, Eloise, left for China in 1939 to be missionaries on the field where she grew up, he was a missions professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. After his retirement he will return to teaching for at least one semester at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., where he will be a guest professor in the newly created Baker James Cauthen chair of missions.

Cauthen gives great credit to Eloise. "She's a wonderfully profound Christian and I have admiration for her that is far beyond any capacity of mine to express," he says. "her life has been one of the most powerful influences in my life, in my thinking, and in my own spiritual life."

Mrs. Cauthen's role has never been more vital than during the last two years. First a heart attack and then a lengthy

case of shingles almost incapacitated the executive. But he came back with determination.

During the long recuperations he kept in touch with work at the Foreign Mission Board. His wife would read memos and correspondence to him when he could not read and he insisted that work be brought to him at home when he could not go to the office.

Cauthen's personal enjoyment comes in long walks along the river with Eloise, lively games of dominoes with friends, and, of course, in preaching.

It is Cauthen the preacher that will be best remembered by Southern Baptists. Always, the message is evangelical, centering around the lost and what Southern Baptists are called to do.

And if this man who has done so much could choose what Southern Baptists. Always, the message is evangelical, centering around the lost and what Southern Baptists are called to do.

He may have done just that.

On Tax Exemption

FMB Sends Mississippian To Washington For Appeal

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Cauthen, responding to the tribute of more than 400 persons who gathered in Richmond to honor his 26-year leadership of the Foreign Mission Board, said the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust momentum will continue because it is "commanded by our sovereign Lord, energized by the Holy Spirit, and rests upon the intercessory prayers and united efforts of our people."

Southern Baptists now have almost 3,000 missionaries working in 95 countries, with the Sudan scheduled to become the 96th in January. Bold Mission Thrust goals adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention call for 5,000 missionaries serving in 125 countries by the end of this century.

The board also appointed 19 new career missionaries, honored 10 retiring missionaries, and heard reports on medical and relief response to Caribbean hurricane victims. Harold E. Hurst, associate to the board's medical consultant, described how a 12-member Southern Baptist medical disaster team provided medical treatment for more than 26,000 persons in the Dominican Republic following Hurricane David.

The team, one of four which has been on standby since the medical disaster response plan was started two years ago, also helped to provide food to more than 25,000 persons during its 12-day stay in the Caribbean.

Hurst said one team member, an or-

thopedic surgeon from Florida, called the trip "the greatest thing that ever happened to me." The team's efforts, coordinated with those of Southern Baptist missionaries in the country, effectively conveyed the message that Southern Baptists are a caring people, Hurst added.

Several of more than 50 Dominican university students who volunteered to help the team accepted Christ at two open-air services held on Sunday afternoon after working with team members all week.

In an appointment service at First Baptist Church, Richmond, the board named its first new missionaries to Uganda since former President Idi Amin was deposed and religious freedom was restored to the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Camp of Mississippi and South Carolina will join Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice, who continued work in the country even after Amin banned Baptist churches there, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Oliver, who transferred to Uganda from Yemen, Oct. 1.

The October appointment service brought the total number of missionaries appointed this year to 277, down from the 294 appointed by the end of October in 1978. With two more appointment services scheduled this year, personnel secretary Louis R. Cobbs said he expects the year's total to be between 320 and 330, slightly below the record 350 approved last year.

Years Later, Missionary Begins To Rebuild Wrecked Church

By Wally Poor

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (BP) — Nine years after his son was kidnapped by communist terrorists, Southern Baptist missionary Jimmie Spann has been able to reconstruct a church which the same group had nearly destroyed.

In August 1970, while home on vacation from medical school, Stephen Spann was kidnapped and held for about six hours by the communist-backed Tupamaros while the car he had been driving was used in a bank holdup. After the holdup, he was released unharmed.

During the same period, the Paso Molino Baptist Church was being torn apart by the struggle between a Leftist pastor — later jailed as a recruiter for the Tupamaros — and those who remained loyal to Christ. Finally, the pastor succeeded in having the truly Christian members expelled and remained in possession of the church's building until his imprisonment. The scandal led to the church being expelled from the Uruguay Baptist Convention.

Shaken by their son's kidnapping and other factors, the Spanns resigned as missionaries. Five years later, they were reappointed and returned to Uruguay in 1976.

Meanwhile, the Uruguayan government had overcome the Tupamaros. The Baptist mission was able to recover possession of the Paso Molino property. The group expelled by the Leftist pastor had continued to meet in other places, and they were allowed to begin meeting once more in the building.

But, it was in ruins. All electrical wiring and plumbing had been ripped out by the group of young toughs the

Leftist pastor had gathered about him. All the windows were broken out. The church's pump organ had been carried to the balcony and hurled to the floor below, badly damaging it.

Though they were meeting in the building and got another pastor to preach on a part-time basis, the remnant of believers was a small, seemingly defeated group. The church's testimony in the neighborhood was practically nil. Some doubted if a church could ever grow there again.

Spann had returned to Uruguay to supervise the extension department of the Baptist Theological Seminary. However, in December 1977, he accepted the call of the church, which now was named the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

In the next 18 months (before he and his wife returned to Texas on furlough in June, just in time for their son's graduation from medical residency), Spain succeeded in turning around the once nearly dead church. Membership was doubled from 20 to 42. Attendance has quadrupled.

"When we came, there was a spirit of defeatism," says Spann. "Now there is a spirit of growth and outreach. Our growth has been among young people and young adults."

In addition to building up the church, Spann, who is handy with tools, has also done a lot of repairs. He has built 16 pews including pulpit benches. Now the young people are building a volleyball and basketball court to use in an outreach ministry.

How has Spann managed to revitalize the situation at Ebenezer?

"A regular program — constant, faithful," is Spann's formula. "The people know we're going to be there and that there's something going on."

In the past 18 months the church has

Benin Eases Restrictions To Let Baptists Buy Land

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Following long delays, Southern Baptist missionaries in Benin have purchased land for a missionary residence in Abomey and have promising prospects of purchasing additional land.

John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for West Africa, said that with signed papers in hand, construction of the residence should begin soon. The house most likely will be occupied by the Dutton Bonnells.

For about three years development of Baptist work in Benin has been slow because of the inability to secure land, Mills said. Work has moved ahead, he added, "but not with the thrust we would like."

A church is located in Abomey, where Bonnell is pastor, and also a center which serves as headquarters for a reading room, and the Bible Way Correspondence Course, where both he and his wife work.

Now that missionaries have been able to purchase land in Abomey, Mills said that prospects look good for securing land in Cotonou for missionary residences and for a dental clinic and student work.

Mills said he feels that the restrictions on land purchase are easing as the Marxist government in Benin sees the validation of the Foreign Mission Board policy of noninterference in local politics.

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Hurricane Victims, Refugees Receive Largest Appropriations

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Victims of devastating Hurricane David and the Vietnamese Boat People received the largest share of relief funds during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond.

The board appropriated \$133,500 in hunger and general relief funds and reallocated an additional \$50,000 during its October meeting. October appropriations brought the 1979 total to just over \$2,251,000.

The \$50,000 reallocation was the largest single sum of money voted on by the board for relief. It was earmarked for use among the Boat People being processed through the Philippines. The money had previously been designated for Vietnamese refugees to be housed at the Luzon Baptist Conference grounds but arrangements could not be worked out at the 15-acre Baptist camp located near the entrance of Manila Bay.

The money will now be used for vocational and educational programs among the Tung An and other refugees so they can become employed. The Tung An and its 2,000 refugees had been anchored in Manila Bay for eight months until August when the displaced persons were allowed to move to Tara Island, about 150 miles southwest of Manila.

The board appropriated an additional \$5,000 in general relief funds for

work among refugees in Hong Kong.

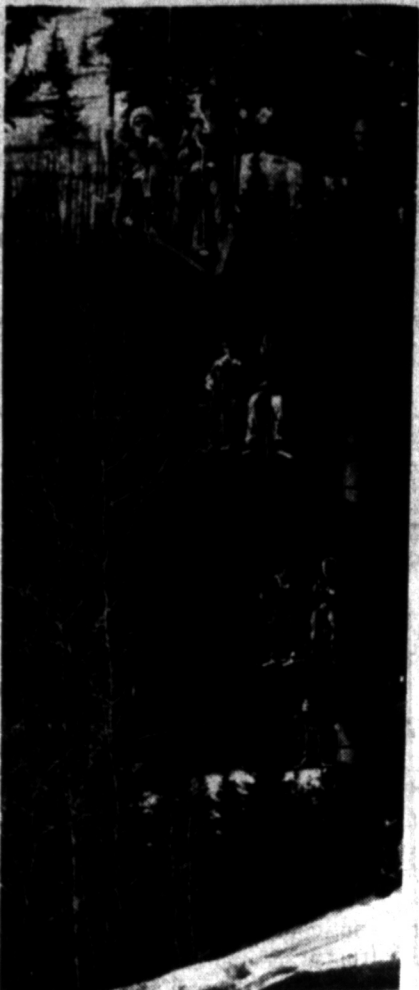
The second largest block of funds, \$45,000 for work in Haiti and Dominica, was designated for victims of Hurricane David. This appropriation was a ratification of emergency funds already released by the board. Of that amount, \$5,000 was used to replant crops destroyed by the storm. The balance was divided equally between rebuilding and feeding programs in Boetica, a village for which Southern Baptists have assumed responsibility. Fifteen members of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, have participated in some of the rebuilding effort. The feeding program will provide food to supplement the diets of 300 families for 16 weeks.

An appropriation for an irrigation project in North Brazil is being underwritten by the Carmel Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C. Approximately 100 acres of land will be used to grow beans which 600 poor families will then use to plant their own crops and produce cash income.

Other appropriations included \$30,000 for work in Nicaragua, where much of the nation's industry was destroyed by civil war, and \$15,000 for an animal breeding stock project at the Rural Life Center in Mindanao, Philippines.

Gifts to the hunger fund during September, amounting to \$535,725, more than doubled the existing hunger fund

account. This is probably a direct result of funds coming in from Southern Baptists' World Hunger Day in August, said W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's consultant for laymen overseas and relief ministries. General relief funds received \$60,703 during the same time.



NASHVILLE — Ski Bible conferences offer the participants the opportunity to ski on the New Mexico and North Carolina slopes during the day and participate in the Bible studies at Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers during the evening. — Photo by Mark Sandlin.

Deaf Bible Study Retreat Will Be At Holmes Park

The Deaf Bible Study Retreat this year will be Oct. 27 and 28 at Holmes State Park, on the theme, "Decisions, Decisions."



Parrish served one year as assistant pastor to the deaf at First Church, New Orleans, and as minister to the deaf at First Church, Little Rock, Ark., for four years.

A native of North Carolina, he is a graduate of New Orleans University. He was a fireman for ten years in

Greensboro, N. C.

He has been camp pastor for deaf youth camps in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Parrish is married to the former Nancy Bennett. They have two sons and a daughter.

The Deaf Bible Study Retreat is sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. A \$5 registration fee should be sent to Richard Alford, language missions consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. In addition, \$7 will be due at the retreat; for a total cost of \$12.

Alford said that participants need to bring Bible, notebook, leisure clothing, sleeping bag or sheets, and blankets.

Meridian Native Named . . .

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Southwestern Music Prof Will Lead "Nuggets"

Second Vocal/Choral Reading And Spiritual Growth Clinic Is Nov. 1-2

The second annual Vocal/Choral Reading and Spiritual Growth Clinic, sponsored by the Church Music Department, will be held at the Baptist Building on November 1-2.

Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday in the Lobby. The clinic will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a music reading session and

will conclude on Friday at 6:30 p.m. following a banquet. A \$10.00 registration fee per person attending should be mailed by October 25 to the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

The "Spiritual Nuggets" portion of the clinic will be led by T. W. Hunt, professor of piano and organ at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

A speaker, preacher, concert artist and community leader, Hunt received his Ph.D. degree from North Texas State and has done special study at the

Julliard School of Music. He has published various anthems and keyboard pieces as well as articles.

The conference will offer choral reading sessions (from free music packets) led by representatives of Broadman, Crescendo and Hinshaw publishers, mini-concerts (vocal and piano) and repertoire sessions.

Information on new copyright laws, Broadman Anthem Service, and Baptist Book Store service will be discussed in dialogue sessions.

All Church Workers Invited

"Minister Of Education As A Growth Agent" Conference Will Be In Jackson Nov. 1-2

A "Minister of Education As A Growth Agent" Conference will be held in Jackson Nov. 1 and 2, Thursday and Friday, at the Hinds-Madison Association Learning Center, 802 Lakeland Drive.

Will Beal of the Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead the conferences.

Bob McKee, minister of education, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, stated that the conference is for any and all church workers. It will be statewide and some participants will also be coming from neighboring states. He added that the conference is being held in the Learning Center since the Baptist Building had a conflict in schedule. The two-day meeting will begin the

first day at 10 a.m. and dismiss the second day at 5 p.m. Participants should make their own lodging arrangements.

The first day's agenda will present types of church growth so that conferees can evaluate their own church climate for growth, and will provide group work on how to facilitate growth with known resources. The second day's program concerns testing of growth projects and creating a design for a church's growth, and using statistics in setting and meeting growth goals.

The registration fee of \$15 should be mailed to Will Beal, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Make check payable to Church Administration Department.

Information needed with the registration fee: location of conference and date; name; position; church; office

and home phone numbers; address. For further information, call or write Bob McKee, Broadmoor Baptist Church, 787 East Northside Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39206 (phone 366-8433).

Campus Ministry Workshop Is Open To Anyone

The ministry of the church in higher education will be the primary focus of the Campus Ministry "Drive-In" Workshop on November 8 at Mississippi State University. Planned for those involved in campus ministry on either a full-time or part-time basis, the workshop will bring together clergy, university leaders, and others to deal with practical as well as philosophical concerns.

Nancy Auld, director of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi University for Women, will present "Relating to Para-Church Groups on Campus."

The workshop is open to anyone interested in campus ministry. For additional information and a complete schedule, contact Iroel Harrison, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee, Box BU, Mississippi State University.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Oct. 26-27 Church Library Organization Workshop, Baptist Building, Jackson 1:00-9:30 a.m., 26th/8:30 a.m. - Noon, 27th (SS)
- Oct. 26-27 Pastor/Songleader Retreat, Highland Baptist, Senatobia, 6:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. (CM)
- Oct. 27-28 Bible Study Retreat for the Deaf, Roosevelt State Park, Morton 1:30 p.m., 27th - 1:30 p.m., 28th (CoMi)

Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Will Conduct Memorial Service At Gulfshore

The New Orleans Chapter of the United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association has announced its intention to conduct a memorial dedication service on October 20, 1979 in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian.

The purpose of the memorial is to commemorate those graduates of the Pass Christian Merchant Marine Cadet Basic Training School who gave their lives at sea in war and peace. The Pass Christian Training School was

located on Henderson Point from 1942-1950, until its function was consolidated into the main Merchant Marine Academy Facility at Kings Point, N. Y. The former site of the school is now the site of the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

The keynote speaker for the memorial dedication will be Captain Bennett Dodson, USN (Retired), former commanding officer of the Merchant Marine Cadet School in Pass Christian. Representing the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, and acting as master of ceremonies, will be Captain

Alfred Fiore, USMS. (Captain Fiore was an instructor at the Pass Christian School.)

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson, will deliver the Invocation and Benediction.

Shizuoka, Japan — Japan Baptists, while celebrating the 90th anniversary of Southern Baptist missionaries in their country adopted a new statement of faith, affirming basic Baptist beliefs. During their annual convention they also adopted a philosophy of foreign missions, emphasizing the importance of a partnership between the sending church and national convention churches in the foreign country.

Bangkok, Thailand — Grace Baptist Church, Bangkok, Thailand, recently ordained Hong Kong native Samuel Lee. A graduate of Hong Kong Baptist College, Lee serves the only Mandarin Chinese-speaking Baptist church associated with the Thailand Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand).

Assemblies Will Offer Ski Bible Conferences

NASHVILLE — Ski Bible Conferences will be held at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers for the first time this winter.

Anytime between Nov. 23, 1979, to April 6, 1980, individuals can spend three or more days on the slopes of the Santa Fe Ski Basin and evenings at Glorieta, N. M. Ski Bible Conferences open on Jan. 2, 1980, at Ridgecrest, N. C., and continue through March 14.

"After my third year attending the Glorieta Ski Bible Conference I wanted to write and say my family and I are firmly convinced that the conference center is extending its ministry as well as utilizing its facilities year around through this program," said Marlene Breeze, Sayre, Okla. "The ski conference has given many people, especially youth, an opportunity for good, clean, wholesome fun and activity."

Two meals are provided daily at the conference centers in addition to the lodging accommodations and evening Bible studies. Guests provide their own transportation to and from the ski slopes. A \$10 per person deposit is necessary to register.

For further information on costs and reservations write or call: Glorieta

Baptist Conference Center, Ski Bible Conference, Glorieta, N. M. 87535, 505-757-6161 or Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ski Bible Conference, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770, 704-669-8022.

GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT



Pastor - New Church Training Director Conferences

October 30

Columbus, East End
Drew, Drew
Jackson, Calvary
Meridian, Oakland Heights
Gulfport, Bel Aire

October 29

Baldwin, FBC
Batesville, North
Kosciusko, FBC
Brookhaven, Easthaven
Hattiesburg, Petal-Harvey

7:00 PM



Jimmy Barrentine
Paraguay

Mrs. Hal Lee
France

Mrs. Raymond
Kolb
Brazil

Mrs. Paul Lee
Spain

Mrs. Robert
Williams
Niger Republic

Mrs. Wayne
Frederick
Guadeloupe

Mrs. Errol
Simmons
Spain

Mrs. Jerry
Rankin
Indonesia

Mrs. Gerald Davis
Philippines

WMU DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1979

District	Date	Place	Time	Missionary Speaker	State Worker
1	November 1	FBC, Long Beach FBC, McLain	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Mrs. Hal Lee	Marjean Patterson
2	November 8	Petal-Harvey Baptist Collins Baptist	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Mrs. Errol Simmons	Waudine Storey
3	November 1	15th Ave., Meridian Calvary, Waynesboro	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Mrs. Raymond Kolb	Ethel McKeithen
4	October 29 October 30	Parkway, Kosciusko FBC, Philadelphia	7 p.m. 10 a.m.	Mrs. Raymond Kolb	Ethel McKeithen
5	November 5 November 6	Ackerman Baptist Ackerman Baptist	7 p.m. 10 a.m.	Mrs. Paul D. Lee, Jr.	Marjean Patterson
6	October 30 October 31	FBC, Grenada FBC, Calhoun City	7 p.m. 10 a.m.	Mrs. Gerald Davis	Marjean Patterson
7	November 1	FBC, Amory Harrisburg, Tupelo	10 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mrs. Robert Williams	Waudine Storey
8	November 8	Oakland Baptist Oakland Baptist	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Mrs. Paul D. Lee, Jr.	Ethel McKeithen
9	November 8	FBC, Coldwater FBC, Holly Springs	9:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	Mrs. Wayne Frederick	Marjean Patterson
10	October 30 October 31	FBC, Tutwiler FBC, Cleveland	7 p.m. 10 a.m.	Mrs. Jerry Rankin	Marilyn Hopkins
11	November 1	North Greenwood Immanuel, Greenwood	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Mrs. Jerry Rankin	Marilyn Hopkins
12	October 29 October 30	FBC, Crystal Springs FBC, Rolling Fork	7 p.m. 10 a.m.	Mrs. Jerry Rankin	Marilyn Hopkins
13	November 8	Simpson Associational Center, Mendenhall FBC, Forest	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Mrs. Robert Williams	Marilyn Hopkins
14	October 29 October 30	Tangipahoa Baptist Woodville Baptist	7 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Jimmy Barrentine	Waudine Storey
15	October 25	Bassfield Baptist Bassfield Baptist	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Mrs. Hal Lee	Ethel McKeithen

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Editorials

The unresort area . . .

Public hearing set for downtown Jackson

Mississippians, Baptist and otherwise, can be grateful to the State Tax Commission for denying a request by a discotheque owner in Jackson to make a part of downtown Jackson a resort area.

Well, as a matter of fact, the commission could not have made downtown Jackson a resort area, but the disco owner wanted the commission to pretend that it was so. The area is not a resort, and no amount of official

transactions would have made it so. If it were so declared, however, the hours of serving liquor would have been established to go on around the clock instead of stopping at midnight as now.

Thankfully the tax commission turned down the request. Now, however, the nightclub owner, Doug Turner of the Lamar Entertainment Emporium, is requesting a public hearing. He is due that, and it is tenta-

tively set for Nov. 13 at 2:30 p.m. The adversaries in the hearing will be Turner on one side and the Jackson City Council and the Tax Commission on the other. The city council and the tax commission should be supported in this hearing by a sizeable number of people who realize what damage can be done by this sort of thing and who resent such people as Turner who would set up an establishment such as a discotheque under existing conditions, whatever they might be, and

then try to get the conditions changed to suit their own interests, regardless of public opinion to the contrary.

A further warning needs to be pointed out. Once an area has been declared a resort, the status cannot be changed by future action of the tax commission. The resort status would be permanently established regardless of the consequences.

Surely we don't want this to happen to an area that is not a resort.

Registration Irregularities . . .

Across the warp and woof

The situation of registration irregularities at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston was discussed by members of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee during the committee's meeting in September. The Baptist Record carried an editorial on the discussion and the report of Registration Secretary Lee Porter. A news story prepared for that same issue was left out because of a lack of space.

The issue is important. We feel Mississippi Baptists need as much information as we can supply concerning it. Therefore we are running the story immediately following with an additional editorial comment at the end.

Registration irregularities were discovered during a survey of the voting procedures of the Southern Baptist Convention in June in Houston, but there was no indication of fraudulent voting, according to Registration Secretary Lee Porter.

Porter began his survey following the convention due to a vote by the messengers to request him to do so because of their distaste for political activity that preceded the convention.

The survey turned up only a minimal amount of registration irregularities, and most of this was due to misunderstanding and confusion rather than an effort to register illegally, he declared. His report was presented to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention during its September meeting. The committee delayed any action on the matter until its February meeting next year.

Porter attributed a great deal of the problem to failure to understand the registration card.

He points out also that almost half of

the nearly 16,000 who registered did not go to Houston with cards signed by their church clerks through such a signature is called for. The Credentials Committee is set up to handle such situations, but Porter notes that processing more than 7,000 such requests is an impossible task. He is advocating a revamping of the registration card and suggesting that messengers should bring their cards with them with signatures by the proper church officials.

He would make the churches responsible for determining how many messengers each would be allowed, and the maximum number is 10. Even so, there were 47 churches with more than 10 messengers. One church had 22, one had 20, and one had 16. The total for the church with 22 became too high when the members elected alternates but failed to designate them as such, and all who were elected registered. The church that had 20 messengers reported that there had been a feeling that six or seven of those elected would not go, and the pastor appointed seven more. Then three other persons decided to go, and they registered on their own.

In all, ten churches elected alternates who registered as messengers, causing their churches to go over the 10 limit.

There were 39 churches which had members to register as messengers who had not been elected by the churches. This total included 31 denominational workers—SBC, state, or association. Porter remarked that this was "very sad."

Additionally, at least three interim pastors and their wives were elected as messengers by churches which the men were serving, but they were not

members there. Five foreign missionaries registered as messengers without being elected by a church.

Porter says his survey shows that 107 messengers registered twice. His contact with them revealed that 47 had pre-registered and left their ballots at home, so they registered again. Sixteen registered by mistake, not knowing someone else had already registered for them. Eleven others either lost their ballots or left them in hotel rooms, so they registered again. Two denied registering twice, 13 did not answer the query, and 18 did not give what Porter considered adequate answers. He said 57 of those who registered twice turned in the extra ballots. Sixty-nine children who were not elected by their churches registered as messengers, he said.

All-in-all, Porter found 284 registrations that he felt were invalid. He says he feels this is a very small number compared with the 16,000 registrants. Porter drew 10 conclusions from his study:

1. Churches must elect their messengers carefully in keeping with the constitutional provisions.
2. Churches must publicize the names of the elected messengers so that other members will not register on their own.
3. Messengers must bring proper credentials with them to the convention.
4. Messengers must register individually.
5. No proxy voting should be allowed.
6. Plans must be developed to eliminate churches from over registering and to prevent individuals from registering twice.
7. Alternates must not register.

Churches must be responsible for changing alternates to elected messengers when the need arises.

8. The registration card needs to be redesigned, and the constitutional provisions on registration need to be clarified.

9. The integrity of the balloting system must be maintained.

10. The registration process must continue to operate on a system of trust of the churches and the personal integrity of the individual messenger.

Porter feels that there was a "get out the vote" effort made at this convention. After the Tuesday afternoon election of the president there were several hundred books of ballots found discarded on the floor of the arena with only ballot No. 2 missing. This was the one used in the vote for president.

This is not illegal and casts no aspersions on Adrian Rogers, who was elected. He had not decided to allow his name to be put in nomination when the voter drive was made.

While a voter drive is not illegal, it is a new element in Southern Baptist activities. It smacks of the one-issue vote in a church business meeting when a bunch of lackadaisical members are rounded up to attend one business meeting and tilt the scale in one direction or another.

The registration irregularities were small but were scattered across the warp and woof of Southern Baptists. The voter drive likewise was small and not nearly so broad based. Southern Baptists generally might have a distaste for both conditions. There is no way of enforcing a change in either. Changes will come, as Porter pointed out, only because of the integrity of Southern Baptists.

When it rains it pours, or . . .

Look Out Below!

Sometimes it seems there just ain't no justice at all. Or maybe the better saying would be, when it rains it pours.

The fact is, I'm having trouble with cars and mailboxes.

On August 12 I supplied in the services of First Church, Macon, while Pastor Hugh Poole was away on the trip to Africa for stewardship training for the workers there. The last thing Mrs. Poole said as my wife and I left the church that night was, "Be careful on the way home." I tried, but to no avail.

In Louisville I arrived at an intersection just as the light turned yellow, and I could not stop. No problem there, except that a 19-year-old girl coming from the right didn't stop at the red light which was on her side. We collided in the intersection. As I saw her coming I braked almost to a stop, and no one was hurt. I received a ticket for

running a stop light. "But I didn't," I protested. "It was yellow." "It makes no difference," the officer said. "It's against the law either way." He agreed that it was yellow. He said he didn't see it; but his lieutenant, who had been behind us, had.

The other insurance company decided that the wreck was my fault. I explained the conditions to my insurance company and have heard no more about it. It cost me \$27, nevertheless, and some slight damage to my car, which I haven't bothered to fix. Only the rubber bumper guard was torn.

A few weeks later I arrived home on a Sunday night after a visit to Starkville and found someone had run over my mailbox. That cost another \$20 or so.

Now, I have an old blue pickup, which shortly will become an antique. It runs fine, and we use it to haul things around. On Oct. 4 it was parked off the street; and while no one was at home, someone came along and hit it from the left rear. It ruined the left rear wheel and pretty well demolished the left side. There is no way of knowing who did it. I live at the reservoir, and the reservoir patrol assumed a casual attitude about the whole thing. The sheriff's office seemed to take an interest until I pointed out that there was a car down the street with a ripped right front fender.

Well, my pickup is messed up; and there is not much I can do about it. What's done is done. But wait. We're not through. About midnight on the same night that the pickup was hit, we heard a crash and a car roaring off. The next morning, three doors down the street, we found another mailbox down. Tire tracks went far into the yard.

So, when it rains it pours. The other day I came to a yellow light and stopped. The light turned red as I rolled up to it. I was on the left side of two lanes going in my direction. After I had completely stopped, two cars in the lane to my right came from

behind me, went through the red light, and roared on unapprehended.

Like I said. There ain't no justice.

I had adopted a philosophy for driving which I felt was necessary for survival. It was that if a motorist approaches a yellow light at an intersection, he had better plan for driving on through the light because the driver behind him fully intends to get through it also. With my increasing awareness of people running red lights, however, so pointedly illus-

Guest Opinion . . .

Hurricane Frederic — and After

By Paul Vandercook
Language Missions

All through the night we sat listening to the wind howl around the house and scream through the trees. Every now and then a tree would snap like a rifle shot or some sort of debris would blow against the walls of the house. We'd peek out one of the windows that was not boarded up just to see what had happened since the last time we dared to look out.

During the day Wednesday, Sept. 12, we had battered down the two Seamen's Centers, boarded up our own house, checked on a few folk who needed a little help getting ready, and stopped a few minutes for our daughter's fourth birthday party. When dark came and the wind began to blow we huddled in the den to watch as television reporters told of the progress of Hurricane Frederic. A couple anxious hours passed and the television quietly went dark. We had known it would.

Somehow we knew that was the last time we would have electricity for a week. Somehow we knew things had changed. The next few days would be like a dream. We tried to rest but could not relax. The eye of the storm came, then more wind. It was dawn before we dared go outside.

Neighbors began helping each other clean up trees, roofs, and unrecognizable debris. We laughed with each other, cried with each other, and shook our heads in amazement. Before long the street was clear enough that traffic could pass one lane at the time.

The time had come to see who needed help the most. From those early hours on Thursday morning until these three weeks later nothing has been "normal." We have cut logs, hauled water, shared ice, carried food, and listened. So many people, especially the elderly, just needed someone to listen. Others needed a shoulder to cry on. Some needed someone to shout at. A few needed someone to praise God with.

It has been a time of meeting needs — of sharing in Jesus name. Before the wind had stopped blowing good, Mississippi Baptists' Disaster Unit was in place and serving food. Before other agencies knew what they were going to do, Baptists were doing something that met real needs. The Disaster Unit and the task force that operates it were on the scene early and stayed as long as the need existed. The value of their presence continues as local churches hear from people who say, "We knew you really care because your church was there when we needed you."

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

The Return Of October

Tim Nicholas said the other day that any first-time visitor to Mississippi who arrived in October would want to stay forever.

That was the way I felt about Yocona Ridge State Park last Saturday (or the new name I believe is George Cossar Park). The blue of the sky was not marred by one cloud, and the sun was so bright it made me squint. Beyond the red-gold spears of the sweet gums, Lake Enid was a smoky blue-gray, topped with white caps made by a wind so stiff it chilled my bones.

Since it was too windy for fishing W. D. and I tramped through the woods, stopping occasionally to taste the ripe persimmons. Later, on my way home, I slowed down to get a better look at the fields white with cotton.

October makes me remember Grandma Washburn's hot sour dough biscuits for breakfast, with sausages and pear preserves — always much better the morning of the first cold wave.

A few weeks ago Mama brought me some pears from her two trees behind the chicken house. I tried to make preserves, but cooked the fruit too long and got a jar of rock candy instead.

Grandma's Sour Dough Biscuits
2 cups flour
1 level teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
("fresh heaping")

½ cup thick buttermilk, sour
½ cup sour dough
½ cup lard
Dash of salt

Sift flour, soda, baking powder, and salt together. Cut in the lard. Add buttermilk and sour dough, and knead until ready to roll into biscuits. Cook in hot oven.

Mama's Pear Relish

1 peck pears
5 green bell peppers
5 red bell peppers
3 pods hot pepper
5 large onions
5 cups vinegar
5 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt

Grind pears through coarse food chopper and drip until excess juice is removed. Grind peppers and onions. Combine all ingredients, bring to a boil, and continue boiling 20 minutes. Fill containers and seal. Process in a water-bath canner for 10 minutes.

As Bobbie Hester said, "I want to hold onto October always, and never let it go." October's leaving is made bearable only by the thought that God has promised that as long as the earth lasts seedtime and harvest cycles will not stop, so I know that October next year will come again.

Letters To The Editor

Thank You, Mississippi

Editor:
Thank you, Mississippi Baptists. As Home Missionaries participating in the Mississippi College Home Mission Experience October 1-4, we had a wonderful time.

The hospitality of Mississippi College was so very warm and gracious that we felt right at home.

One of the highlights of the trip was our visit to your state offices and The Baptist Record. Our host toured us through the beautiful facilities and shared with us the exciting things Mississippi Baptists are doing.

Appreciations would not be complete without saying how much we enjoyed the Woman's Missionary Union luncheon.

It was a wonderful trip, and it is encouraging to experience first-hand the mission of your great state.

Sam and Joan Worley
Home Missionaries
Lake Tahoe, California

Religious and/or Born Again

Editor:
I've found this in our Southern Baptist churches — that there are members who think of themselves as being religious and that the word means being born again.

I wish to help those people to know that religion can mean non-Christians as well as Christians. There are seven major non-Christian groups that are very religious. They are Jews, Shintoists, Taoists, Buddhists, Confucianists, Hindus, and Moslems.

There are only three Christian groups — Eastern Orthodox, Protestants and Anglicans, and Roman Catholics.

Therefore we Baptists should forget our unfounded ideas and think, "I am born again. I am a Christian believer in Christ. I am a Christian."

There are similar things related to non-Christians and Christians — such as the religious new year.

The non-Christian Jews celebrate their religious new year in September.

The Christian Baptists celebrate our religious new year beginning Oct. 1.

Then there is the non-Christian celebration of the Jewish Passover at the same time when the Christians observe our Lord's resurrection from His death and burial.

We Southern Baptists should teach our doctrines and the Protestant history to both our youth and adults. We have members who do not know what our faith is based on. We do have a history, and every Baptist should know it.

One of the main things we believe is that we do not need a priest to reach out to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through prayer. We believe in our own prayers and that our prayers are heard and answered.

And there are many more important things to learn.

Mrs. T. E. Hegwood
I have some reservations on your groupings of Christian religions, but thank you for your letter. — Editor

Help for Staff Members

Editor:
I deeply appreciate your printing the guest editorial, "Concerning churches and those who serve." This is an area where there should be deep concern. Recently I did a research project dealing with this subject. Certainly there can be no progress made to improve the situation unless the leadership recognizes it and tries to help improve it.

I appreciate the editor of the Baptist Record as being sensitive to the needs of pastors and churches. If this problem is continually brought out, maybe someone at least will listen and recognize it for being the very serious matter that it is.

Name Withheld by Request

The guest editorial by Editor Julian Pentecost of Virginia dealt with the need for churches to recognize the inroads of inflation as they deal with salaries of staff members, to make provisions for the retirement of their staff members, and to recognize that expenses incurred by staff members in their work are not part of their salaries. — Editor

It has been a busy month and there is much work left to be done, but things look different now. Looking back over the last few weeks, we can see that God gave us opportunities to minister and to share his love. Cutting trees, hauling out limbs, sharing water, feeding hungry people and a myriad of other little things are our way of saying "I love you and so does God." Thank you, Mississippi Baptists. Thank you for the Disaster Van and for its task force. Thank you for sending food. Thank you for coming to help with the clean up. Thank you for letting us serve as your ministers during this time of disaster, frustration, sorrow, and opportunity.

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Homecoming Day

Zion Hill Will Show New Face

Zion Hill Church, Wesson, Jerome McLendon, pastor, is making preparations for homecoming day Sunday, Oct. 21. Since last year's homecoming day the church has acquired a new face. The outside has been completely bricked and a foyer added. A steeple has been erected and a parking lot built. In the auditorium a baptistry has been installed, new pews, a pulpit, and new hymnals bought, carpeting installed. Even the Sunday School rooms have a new look. Carpet has been installed, the walls paneled, and a heating and cooling system added. During the past year, 13 new members have been added to the church roll. For the homecoming day, Oct. 21, Sunday School will begin at 10 and morning worship at 10:45. Lunch will be served in fellowship hall. A song service will follow.

Missionary News

Deborah Holifield, daughter of Bob and Flora Holifield, missionaries to Italy, married James Hamrick on Aug. 11 in Laurel, Miss. Her parents may be addressed at Via Antelao 14, 00141 Rome, Italy. Both are natives of Mississippi.

L. Wayne Frederick, missionary to the French West Indies, was elected chairman of the social ministries and relief committee of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship during its triennial general assembly meeting in the Bahamas. In the States on furlough, he may be addressed at 331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39216.

John and Jean Jacobs, missionary associates to Trinidad, may be addressed at Box 488, Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies. He is a native of Canton, Ohio; she is the former Jean Holley of Booneville, Miss. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969, resigned in 1976 and reemployed in 1979.

Robert and Mary Horner, missionaries to Chile, may be addressed at Casilla 18-D, Vina del Mar, Chile. Both were born in Alabama. Before they were appointed in 1977, he was pastor of Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, Miss.

Hal and Lou Ann Lee, missionaries to France, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Apt. M-7 Pine Trails Apts., Spring Ridge Rd., Clinton, Miss. 39058). He was born in Ruston, La., and lived in Mississippi while growing up. She was born in Independence, La., and also lived in Prentiss, Poplarville and Pascagoula, Miss., while growing up.

Mrs. John S. Oliver, missionary to Brazil, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 1404, 66000 Belem PA, Brazil). The former Virginia Winters, she was born in Leslie, Ark., and also lived in Alabama and Mississippi while growing up.

Staff Changes

James E. Messer began his ministry as pastor of Loun Church, Jasper County, on Oct. 17. For the past 18 months he has been a full-time evangelist, during which time he held 43 revivals, plus Bible studies, retreats, and three interim pastorates. Also he had a daily devotion program on WKYU radio, "Good News From God."

He formerly was pastor of several churches in Mississippi, including Highland, Vicksburg, and at Parkview, Tallulah, La.

Mike Hennington, a native of Terry, began his duties recently as full-time

music and activities director of First Church of Byram on Old Byram Road, James Bay, pastor. He formerly served with First Church of Terry, Calvary Church of Rosenberg, Tex., and McLaurin Heights Church of Pearl. He was joined on the field by his wife Carol, daughter Kelly Michelle, and son David Michael. Hennington is a graduate of Hinds Junior College and Mississippi College. He is a member of the Mississippi Singing Churchmen.

Ralph Kelly of Petal has accepted the pastorate of Crossview Church, Lilburn, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta, Ga. Kelly formerly was pastor of Bellehaven Church, Ocean Springs, and Greens Creek Church of Petal. He will assume his new position Oct. 21.

Recognition Given To The Boggans

W. W. Boggan retired last month as director of missions for Clarke and Wayne Counties.

First Church, Chicora in Wayne County honored Mr. and Mrs. Boggan, Sept. 30 in connection with the dedication of a fellowship hall, church furniture, and equipment. The morning service was given to the dedication. Mrs. Boggan led the singing and Brother Boggan delivered the message.

A meal was served in the new fellowship hall. Hal Taylor and Mrs. Taylor gave the Boggans a \$100 check. Dennis Coats, pastor of Buckatunna Church, presented the Boggans a \$100 check from the Buckatunna Church, Pastor and Mrs. Billy Ray Blackwell of First Church, Clara, were also present.

In the afternoon of Sept. 30 the Clarke County Association gave a reception for the Boggans at the Baptist Center in Quitman, under direction of Miss Mildred Ivy and Wilbur Hall, Missions Committee chairman, and Mrs. Hall.

Churches of the county placed gifts to the Boggans on a table in the fellowship hall at the reception: a wall picture, silver plated tray, and checks and cash amounting to \$1,194.78. The moderator, J. G. Fuller, presented a plaque: "Rev. Wilson W. Boggan — in appreciation of the years of untiring service as director of missions, Clarke County Baptists — Sept. 30, 1979."

Attend Agri-Missions Meet

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resource person for a symposium work group on "The Logistics of Working Together in Relationships and Lay Involvement." His office of three consultants and six secretaries has coordinated 3,500 laymen in short-term overseas missions projects and about \$2 million in relief and world hunger offerings during 1979. Grubbs stressed his desire for the Foreign Mission Board's relief and laymen overseas office to be an information center and facilitator between career missionaries and lay volunteers and contributors.

Mary Futrell, professor of home economics at Mississippi State University, spoke on "The Role of Women in Nutritional and Agricultural Development."

She has taught women what foods to buy at their own village market to feed their families a balanced diet. She has worked with women in Panama, India, Haiti, and is scheduled to go to China in 1980.

Mrs. Futrell said that agricultural missions fail in some societies because of "western-oriented, stereotyped ideas about the sex of the farmer."

"It seems inconceivable that women's contribution to agriculture could be overlooked, and yet this is precisely what has happened," Mrs. Futrell said. "All the modern tools and techniques, fertilizers, credit and schools have been steered into large scale agriculture taught to men, while women have been left to struggle in their rain-fed fields."

Homecomings

Lilly Orchard Church, Jackson County, celebrated Homecoming Day on Sunday, Oct. 14. Dinner was served on the grounds and the Glory Road Singers presented special music in the afternoon. A revival, Oct. 10-14, preceded the homecoming day. Former pastors at Lilly Orchard preached during the revival. They included E. E. McPherson, Wed.; Bill Brady, Thurs.; Ray Moncrief, Fri.; R. V. Walker, Sat.; and Ford Parker, Sunday. Robert W. Day is the pastor.

Mt. Pisgah Church, Tallahatchie County, will mark its 99th year with homecoming on Oct. 21. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. The morning worship service will start at 11 with the pastor, J. C. Hall, delivering the message. Lunch will be served at the church. The Melody Tones from Pascagoula will present a program of gospel singing in the afternoon service which will begin at 1:30.

Tijuana, Mexico — During the annual convention held recently the National Baptist Convention of Mexico commissioned its first foreign missionaries. Jose and Susana Guzman will work in Honduras at the invitation of Honduran Baptists. Guzman is a graduate of Mexico Baptist Theological Seminary, Mexico City, and has a degree in agriculture. The convention also accepted 17 new churches, bringing the total number of churches participating in the convention to 427.

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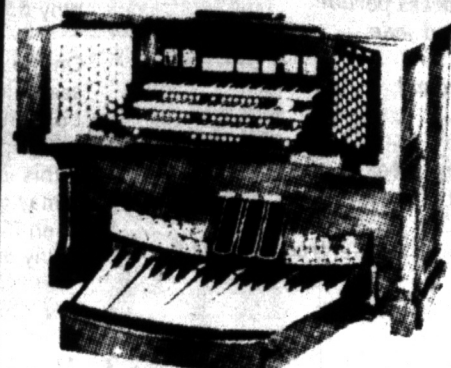
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Names In The News . . .



THE OAKLAND Sunday School director, THOMAS HOLLAND, has presented pins to several Oakland Church members in recognition of perfect attendance at Sunday School. Left to right they are: W. H. HAYNES, one year; JIMMY STOVALL, 21 years; MRS. JIMMY STOVALL, 20 years; MRS. RUBY ROWE, three years; SANDRA MORGAN, one year; MRS. ANNIE LOUISE MORGAN, one year. BUFORD SELLERS is pastor.



KELLY DAMPEER, left, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, congratulates and thanks two women for the length of their service to the church. MRS. R. W. WIGGINS, SR. (Jewel), center, has served 62 years as teacher in the Sunday School at Fifteenth Avenue and MRS. R. W. CUNNINGHAM, right, has served as president of the Wiggins Sunday School Class at the church for 17 years. Both women are retiring this church year. The pastor said, "Fifteenth Avenue Church expresses deep appreciation to these outstanding ladies for a job well done."

Sarah Willey

Young completed 19 years of perfect Sunday School attendance on Sunday, Sept. 30. She is church pianist and an adult Sunday School teacher at New Hope Church (Leake), where her husband, Jimmy Young, is pastor.



Mrs. Young



Sellers

Neal Sellers, 10, has received a five-year pin for perfect attendance in Sunday School at Oakland Church, where his father, Buford Sellers, is the pastor.

Robert L. Lee, executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, will speak at the opening session of the Atlanta Association on Monday, Oct. 22. The session, beginning at 7 p.m., will be held at Parkway Church in Kosciusko. Johnny Parks is moderator of the association and W. Levon Moore is director of missions.

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Under the Master Artist's paint brush I see autumn unfold,
With acres and acres of trees dressed in gold.

Hillsides and meadows are in full dress parade
With garments flashing in russet and jade.

I watch the leaves as they swirl around,
So many falling upon the ground.

In autumn, when the air is crisp and clear,
I see God's handiwork everywhere.

—Gertrude James

Initiative

The Spirit within you is like a power line,
reaching your heart from the source of One divine.
God gave you this gift when you first believed
in Jesus your Savior, and your soul was received.
Angels promptly installed a receptacle in your heart
that in the work of the Lord you might take part;
yet you stumble in darkest quandary.
Why don't you turn on your light that you may see?

On the edge of your world there gropes a yacht,
searching a foggy shore that man forgot.
Lost on this earth, the crew seeks happiness.
Misguided, theirs is a haunting quest.
If this imperiled ship sees your frail light,
it may glide toward you, that you may set it right.
Then fling these words as a lifeline confidently —
"Why don't you turn on your light that you may see?"

— Violet Tackett

Did She Forget?

And has my darling told a lie?
Did she forget that God was by?
That God, who saw the thing she did,
From whom no action can be hid —
Did she forget that God could see
And hear, wherever she might be?

He made our eyes, and can discern
Which ever way you think to turn;
He made our ears, and he can hear
When you think no one is near.
In every place, by night or day,
He watches all you do or say.

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Your Song Is Beautiful— Sing It!

Your good is here. Accept it!
Your joy is near. Embrace it!
Your power is within. Harness it!
Your victory is now. Claim it!
Your freedom is real. Declare it!
Your abundance is overflowing.
Share it!
Your prosperity is good.
Receive it!

Your problem is purposeful.

Bless it!
Your spirit is divine. Free it!
Your love is great. Give it!
Your faith is mighty. Use it!
Your song is beautiful. Sing it!

—William Arthur Ward
QUOTE Magazine

True Worship

The true spirit of worship
can be found,
And even then, only God knows.

—Victor Vaughn

Youth Night Draws Unusual Response From Football Team

Calvary Church, Macon closed its revival with a special Youth Night, Saturday, Oct. 6, honoring the Central Academy football team, coaches and cheer leaders. Bobby Lockwood of Chattanooga, Tenn. was youth evangelist.

Barry Massey, pastor of Calvary, said that during the invitation 27 of the 30-member football team responded, expressing various spiritual needs. In addition, more than 30 other students, including one of the cheer leaders, also responded to the invitation.

Pastor Massey stated that he is counseling with each individual and group. He said that he is praying for each one and that he is confident that many will be saved.

commitment in the church of his or her choice.

The Youth Night was concluded with refreshments provided by the women of the church, and a fun-time and fellowship.

Massey stated that he knew of no better way to celebrate his first anniversary as pastor of Calvary than to witness such a large and spontaneous response to a total commitment of life from young people.

When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport; when the tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity. — George Bernard Shaw

Revival Dates

Star Church, Star (Rankin): October 21-25; Lewis Sewell, First Church, Oxford, evangelist; Mike Smith, minister of music, Richland, song leader; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., noon and 7:30 p.m.; Jimmy Harrington, pastor.

First Church, Ridgeland, Oct. 20-26; S. A. (Sonny) Adkins, evangelist, New Hebron; Gary Lanier, music evangelist, Weatherford, Tex.; "Truth" in Concert on Sat. night, Oct. 20; Clifton Perkins, interim pastor.

Lakeview, Leland: Oct. 21-28; services at 7 p.m.; Louis Gooch, pastor at Shaw, evangelist; William Shaw, music director, Calvary Church, Cleveland, singer; Charles Everitt, pastor.

3 Ukraine Baptists Go To Prison

KESTON, KENT, England (BP) — In two recent trials in the Soviet Union, three leaders of unregistered Baptist churches have received sentences ranging from 18 months to five years in labor camp, according to the Keston News Service at Keston College.

The first trial took place in Zaporozhe, Ukraine, in February, Keston said. Fyodor Korkodilov, pastor of the local unregistered Baptist church, reportedly was sentenced to two-and-a-half years imprisonment and Vsevolod Bugaenko, an evangelist in the same church, to 18 months.

Both were accused under article 138 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code of organizing and conducting Christian weddings, baptisms and other religious services since 1966, Keston said.

In the second trial, in Dzhambul, Kazakhstan, pastor-evangelist Yakov Skorniyakov was sentenced to five years in a strict-regime labor camp and confiscation of property, Keston said. He was arrested in Rostov-on-Don on July 3, 1978, and sent back to his hometown, Dzhambul, to face charges under four separate articles of the Criminal Code — two charges concerning religious activities, one of slandering the Soviet system and one of unofficial printing. Noting this is Skorniyakov's fourth sentence for religious activities, Keston said he suffers from a stomach ulcer as a result of camp conditions.

Three other members of his church, arrested in December 1977, had been sentenced to terms of two and three years for printing Christian literature, the news service said.

Two brothers, Nikolai and Alexander Chekh, who were arrested on March 12, when 15,000 copies of Bulletin No. 60 of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives were found in their car at Chuguevo, Kharkov region, Ukraine, are reportedly still under arrest. They have been charged under article 187-1 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code — slandering the Soviet system.

Auris Pender Will Speak At New Salem Centennial

New Salem Church, Attala County, will observe its Centennial Sunday, Nov. 4. Auris Pender, former missionary to China, who went out from this church, will speak in the afternoon service.

Frank Morgan, Jr., a former pastor, will preach at 11 a.m.

Pastor Horace McMillan invites all friends, former pastors, and former members. He said that former pastors and former members will be given a time to speak in the afternoon.

Dinner will be served on the grounds.

Devotional

Relationships Of A Well Rounded Life

God

By Ira Bright, Pastor, First, Shannon

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

These are two of the best known and most loved verses in the Old Testament. In Proverbs 3 they tell us about a most important phase of the well rounded life. This text tells us what is actually the theme of much of the Bible. In every chapter it is stated clearly or implied. Nothing is mentioned more than having faith in God and his Son. "Blessed are those whose God is the Lord."

We have been disappointed in ourselves and others. We have found out that the flesh is weak and the heart is deceitful. Riches are fleeting and our friends may fail us. Good health is with us today, but it can be gone next week. We cannot trust in these things, therefore we must trust in GOD.

God Still Guides

One result is that when we acknowledge God in all of our ways he will direct our paths. J. Sidlow Baxter has written a popular book, *Does God Still Guide?* In it he says that one thing which many people ache to find is moral and spiritual guidance. He also says that godlessness, boredom, crime, and unchastity have given to millions of hearts a weary sense of being lost in an existence which seems to have no meaning. Can guidance still come from God? Yes it can... when we acknowledge him in all of our ways.

God Knows The Future

Marvelous discoveries and advances have been made in the last 100 years. How life has changed! How much more we know and have today! Yet there is one area in which we do not know any more than our early ancestors. WE DO NOT KNOW THE FUTURE. Knowledge and science have been windows opening to us new views of life and our world, but who is the person among us who will lay out tomorrow's headlines today? James said it well, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow" (4:14).

God knows the future in my life and yours. If we knew it, we could make better decisions. Since there is no way for us to know exactly what the future holds, it is important that we trust the Lord, acknowledge him, and let him direct our paths.

William Williams said,
"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand."

Committee On Public Affairs Gets Prestigious Isaiah Award

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs received the prestigious Isaiah Award

for contributions to human rights from the Washington chapter of the American Jewish Committee at a luncheon here.

Baptist Joint Committee Executive Director James E. Wood Jr. received the award for the Baptist agency, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary by sponsoring a Religious Liberty Conference on Church, State and Human Rights in the nation's capital.

Rabbi Matthew Simon of Temple B'nai Israel and a member of the executive board of the American Jewish Committee presented the two-foot-high wooden sculpture of the Old Testament prophet, declaring that the Baptist agency has spoken for 40 years "on every concern that is our joint concern."

Life and Work Lesson

The Purpose Of The Bible

By W. Thomas Baddley
First Church, Brandon
John 20:30-31; II Timothy 3:14-17;
Luke 24:44-48

In this lesson, as in the two previous lessons we draw from three separate passages, and in this case from three different authors. In these three passages we find written record of the inspired author's intent and hope in recording the words of their particular writing. From John we read the purpose of revelation and evangelism; from II Timothy, an encouragement to exemplary living; and from Luke, the provision of the basis for Christian teaching and witnessing.

I. Revelation And Evangelism (John 20:30-31)

John wrote these words much later than the earlier Gospel writers. It was probably written around A.D. 80-90. Much time had passed allowing him to reflect and to select those parts of the life and ministry of Jesus which would fit his purpose in writing. He doesn't claim a complete, comprehensive account of Jesus' deeds, just those which fit his purpose.

Instead of the most commonly used word for "miracles," John used, in this passage, the word translated "signs." In general usage this word meant "distinguishing and convincing evidence." Thus, quite logically in this Gospel the word denotes miracles that furnished positive proof of Jesus' deity.

In this brief two verse summary of his book, John stated his editorial policy and purpose. His policy was to be selective in the use of his materials. His purpose was not to present a full biography, but rather to choose from among the many words and deeds available to the writer those which would be conducive to belief in Jesus as the Messiah of the Jews and the Son of God for all men. This belief in Jesus as the Christ is a means to an end. The end is LIFE. The reader may have this eternal life by believing what is herein written. That is the first step.

The second is to believe and appropriate the life of Jesus Christ, thereby finding real life. John's concern throughout the gospel was with "life." This conviction is in harmony with Paul's conviction and strategy — "Belief cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

II. Encouragement To Exemplary Living (II Timothy 3:14-17)

Paul wrote these words from Rome during his imprisonment and not long before his death. He hoped to see Timothy soon, but in case it would not be possible, he gave him words of encouragement and a reminder of the basis for continuing in Jesus.

His encouragement was by means of commendation. Since Paul urged him to "continue" or "keep on," it is apparent that he approved of Timothy's beliefs and his application of them to living. He reminds Timothy where this lifestyle began. It was learned from people: Paul, mother Eunice, grandmother Lois, and others. It was also learned from a thorough grounding in the Scriptures.

At this point we return to the aim of our lesson, for Paul then explains, not why he is writing, but rather the effects that the Scriptures can have upon an individual.

1. "Make thee wise unto salvation" — "make wise" is a translation of the word from which we get the word "wisdom." Cramming for examinations has taught us that just because we memorize things doesn't mean we know them or retain knowledge with understanding and an ability to utilize that information. The Scriptures, when learned under the influence of the Holy Spirit, "give wisdom."

2. "Doctrine" — the Scriptures provide a positive and unique source of the teachings of Jesus and God's will for mankind.

3. "Reproof" — rebuke of sin that results in heart conviction.

4. "Correction" — redirecting those in error back onto the right path.

5. "Instruction in righteousness" — constructive education or counsel which will enable one to live a righteous Christian life.

Paul lays all these effects on the foundation of inspiration. The "Scriptures" to which he refers are those held to be so by the church of his day. Therefore, they were Old Testament Scriptures. From today's context we also can apply these verses to our lives as including the New Testament, too.

The outcome of the effects of the inspired Scriptures to the man of God (those yielded to God through Jesus) is that he may be "thoroughly furnished" (completely equipped) to

live exemplary lives of positive service.

III. Basis For Teaching And Witnessing (Luke 24:44-48)

As Luke wrote these words, he was transcribing the words of our Lord Jesus. In this final session with the disciples, Jesus helped them to understand the recent events of crucifixion and resurrection as fulfillment of prophecy. Only here in the New Testament are the Psalms mentioned along with the Law and the Prophets. ("Psalms" may have been a code word referring to all those books known as "the writings.") The Old Testament Scripture thus becomes a backdrop for the New Testament Gospels and letters. What had been prophesied about Jesus had been fulfilled.

Out of the witness of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus came the proclamation of the apostles and the church. Verse 48 reminds us that the disciples were eyewitnesses of the events to which they bore testimony. They had experienced that which they proclaimed.



Acteans Honored

Flag Lake Church (Tate) recognized Debbie Boling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Boling, as Queen with Scepter. Myra Boling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boling, who is a queen, took part in the presentation. Eight girls participated in the recognition service. Jackie Yow is pastor.

Uniform Lesson

Christ's Pattern for Growth

By Ed North, First, Quitman
Philippians 3:3-16

The Christian experience involves constant conflict between the ideal and the actual. The life and teachings of Jesus constitute God's ideal demand upon our lives. But we actually live on a lower plateau. The incongruity between the ideal and the actual creates what psychology calls anxiety and tension, and what theology calls guilt. This "guilt-anxiety" must be resolved if we are to know wholeness and happiness. Under the grace of God, the resolution is found in the "process of becoming."

Paul expresses this process vividly in verse 12. He identifies with all of us who are struggling when he insists "Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect..." Paul has not achieved the ideal. But, he is in the process of becoming all that he should be: "I press on..." Paul lays out four stages in the pattern for growth.

I. A Saving Encounter with Christ (vv. 3-12)

Paul recalls the Damascus Road experience in the statement, "I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus" (v. 12). A total disavowal of the saving efficacy of his former religion is gathered up in the powerful phrase, "...I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may gain Christ" (v. 8). Paul had come to realize that righteousness through the law could not save him. His only hope was in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He had encountered the risen and glorified Lord, Christ had "laid hold" of his life, and Paul had been radically and eternally changed.

Every man must have his Damascus Road. Before you can become you must first be. The great problem in our churches today is that we have too many people trying to become better Christians who have never become Christians in the first place. There is no substitute for a saving encounter with Jesus Christ. That is the first step in the process of becoming.

II. A Weightless Past (v. 13)

The burden of yesterday often cripples the present. I think of a young

woman to whom I tried to minister during my student days. She had a faithful husband and three of the finest boys you would ever want to meet. But Joyce spent most of her life in a mental institution. Even when she was at home she was not able to function effectively as a wife and mother.

What was the cause of this tragic situation? When Joyce was a teen-ager she lived a terribly wicked life. She did everything in the book, and wrote a few chapters of her own. After marriage and motherhood, her past began to haunt her. Tremendous guilt crushed her. Yesterday robbed her of today.

The great apostle knew something of a guilty past. Look at his record! An accomplice to the murder of Stephen, a persecutor of the Faith, he personally hounded Christians from their homes and cast many of them into prison. Paul had a heavy yesterday.

No wonder then that he felt so strongly about "...forgetting what lies behind..." Paul had laid all the guilt of his life at the pierced feet of Jesus, and had fully claimed the forgiveness of God.

Growth in the Christian life is often stymied by unresolved yesterdays. The key is being able to accept the forgiveness God so freely offers. When you understand that God loves and accepts you, then you can love and accept yourself. That is essential to healthy growth.

III. Singleness of Commitment (v. 13)

Paul's statement, "...this one thing I do..." is not a confession of a mental inadequacy. It is an affirmation of single-mindedness. Paul's overwhelming concern and interest in life was to live for Christ. His commitment to the Master took precedence over every other claim on his personal resources.

The reason many Christians do not grow is because they have never come to this singleness of commitment. They are modern day counterparts of the Gerasene demoniac: "My name is Legion, for we are many." That poor man was in utter misery because many masters (powerful forces) were

trying to dominate him. He felt pulled in a thousand different directions. Christians caught up in conflicting loyalties know the intensity of that misery.

When Jesus came into Legion's life he drove out the clamor and confusion of many masters and assumed control. Paul insists that this is the secret to a vital productive Christian life. One overriding purpose draws an individual's energies and abilities into a cohesive unit, thus growth is possible.

IV. A Positive Goal (v. 14)

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Paul draws a picture in this verse which would be very familiar to his readers. It is an athletic event. The runner is pressing hard for the tape. His body leans forward; his eyes never waver from his goal. Every ounce of energy is concentrated in, and committed to, the effort to cross the finish line. Paul is saying that the Christian who is growing has his eyes firmly fixed on God and His divine purpose. He is concentrating his life on that great goal.

The saddest thing I have encountered in my ministry has been people who have been in church for long years, but are still at the Primary level of Bible knowledge, prayer life, witness, etc. They have not grown spiritually, and seem to be satisfied with their condition. They remind me of the first generation of Hebrews whom Moses led out of bondage. They got out of Egypt, but they never entered the Promised Land. So many Christians are saved and satisfied. But think of all the great riches of God they have not yet claimed!

The most rewarding aspect of the ministry is to see people growing in their spiritual lives. Nothing is more exciting! It has been my observation that the pattern for growth set forth by Paul in our text cannot be improved upon.

I remember my youth and the feeling that will never come back any more — the feeling that I could last forever, outlast the sea, the earth, and all men. — Joseph Conrad — Youth.